

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the title to:

MODULAR MACHINE FOR STERILIZING CLOSURE
PARTS OF BOTTLES WITH HELICAL SPIRAL PATH

Please replace the specification originally submitted for this patent application, from line 4 (as shown) of page 1 to line 5 of page 17, with the substitute specification which is enclosed with this Reply.

Please replace the "Abstract" with the following amended paragraph:

A ~~The invention concerns~~ a machine for sterilizing plastic and/or metal parts for closing bottles is [[,]] installed on a bottling line, upstream of the screwing machine, and operates ~~operating~~ at the same rate as the screwing machine. Non-sterile ~~latter,~~ the closure parts are [[being]] inserted ~~non-sterile~~ in an input at one end of the machine and come ~~coming~~ out sterilized through an output at the other end of the machine. The parts ~~invention is characterized in that the~~ travel within the machine ~~path of the parts~~ between the machine input and the machine output along a helical ~~and therein, is a spiral~~ travel path. The ~~In one embodiment,~~ the pieces can be [[are]] driven along the helical path ~~in their travel~~ by friction against a rotating member, or by the effect of a driving fluid. The invention is useful for bottling processes.